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IN MICROCOLUMN SEPARATION TECHNIQUES AND  
SAMPLING DEVICE

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**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003 in the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.